

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 Earnest Henderson, et al., No. C 05-0234 VRW/WF (JL)
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12 Plaintiffs, NOTICE OF FURTHER SETTLEMENT
13 v. CONFERENCE AND ORDER
14 San Francisco Sheriff's Department,
15 Defendants.

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17 TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

18 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a further Settlement Conference before Magistrate
19 Judge James Larson has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.**,
20 in Judge Larson's chambers, located at the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue,
21 15th Floor, San Francisco, California 94102.

22 Counsel who will try the case or other counsel responsible for the litigation shall
23 appear at the Settlement Conference with the parties. Any party who is not a natural
24 person shall be represented by an individual not directly involved in the events which give
25 rise to the litigation but with full authority to negotiate a settlement. If a party is a
26 governmental entity, its governing body shall designate one of its members or a senior
27 executive to appear at the Settlement Conference and, if a proposed settlement agreement
28 is reached, to recommend the agreement to the governmental entity for its approval. An

1 insured party shall appear with a representative of the carrier with full authority to negotiate
2 up to the limits of coverage.

3 Personal attendance will rarely be excused by the Court, and only for substantial
4 hardship. A written application to be available by telephone rather than in person shall be
5 served on opposing counsel and lodged with the judge, along with the Settlement
6 Conference Statement.

7 Only upon written showing of good cause, submitted at least seven calendar days
8 prior to the settlement conference, will the Court excuse a party or Counsel from mandatory
9 attendance of the settlement conference. Parties or Counsel may be excused from
10 attending the settlement conference only upon written authorization from Judge Larson.

11 Parties or counsel who fail to attend the settlement conference, and where absence
12 is not authorized by Judge Larson, will be subject to sanctions, pursuant to Federal Rule of
13 Civil Procedure 16(f).

14 **At least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement conference the parties
15 shall deliver directly to the magistrate judge two copies of a Confidential Settlement
16 Conference Statement which should be lodged with chambers and should not be
17 filed with the Clerk of the Court or served upon other parties.**

18 The Confidential Settlement Conference Statement shall be as brief as possible and
19 should rarely exceed 10 pages. It shall include the following:

- 20 1. A statement of the facts of the case.
- 21 2. A statement of the claims and defenses including, but not limited to, statutory
22 or other grounds upon which the claims are founded, a forthright evaluation of the parties'
23 likelihood of prevailing on the claims and defenses and a description of the major issues in
24 dispute.
- 25 3. A summary of the proceedings to date.
- 26 4. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial
27 and trial.
- 28 5. The relief sought.

1 6. The party's position on settlement, including a history of past settlement
2 discussions as well as present demands and offers.

3 7. If there have been no prior discussions, plaintiff must serve a demand letter
4 outlining its theories for recovery, supporting facts and damages in writing before the
5 conference, and defendant must respond in writing before the conference.

6 If the case involves any claims for injunctive relief, the parties must meet and confer
7 before the scheduled Settlement Conference in order to resolve as many issues as
8 possible. Results of the meet and confer must be included in the Settlement Conference
9 Statement. Failure to comply with these pre-conditions will result in forfeiture of the
10 Settlement Conference date.

11 The parties shall notify Magistrate Judge Larson's chambers immediately if this case
12 settles prior to the date set for settlement conference.

14 DATED: October 6, 2008

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16 JAMES LARSON
17 Chief Magistrate Judge